

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment dated 1/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,12,14,17,21,22,24-26, renumbered as 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

GUY LAMARRE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the applicant's amendment dated 1/13/2006.

The applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 4-11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 23 and 27.

The applicant has amended Claims 12, 17, 22, 25 and 26.

Claims 2-3, 12, 14, 17, 21-22 and 24-26 are pending.

Response to Amendment

1. In view of the applicant's amendments to independent Claims 25 and 26, the applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 1/13/2006 in respect to the rejections under 35 USC 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claims 25 and 26, as well as the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 12, 14, 17, 21-22 and 24 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-3, 12, 14, 17, 21-22 and 24-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the reference art of Matsumoto, Holman, Lee and Saito teach an method based on an apparatus self-repairing a memory comprising a memory, ECC logic, means for identifying and recording bit fail locations, asserting a busy signal and allowing another bank to be accessed, and electrically activating fuses for failures. However, the prior arts of record taken alone, or in combination failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention or the method and system of the application. Specifically, as per

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Claims 25 and 26, the prior arts failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the limitation introduced into these claims, namely, fuseably replacing a faulty memory location in one bank with a redundant element while reading or writing to another bank. Consequently, in view of Claims 2-3, 12, 14, 17, 21-22 and 24 being dependent on Claims 25 and 26, Claims 2-3, 12, 14, 17, 21-22 and 24-26 are allowed. The allowed claims will be renumbered as 1-10.

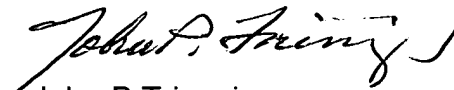
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Trimmings whose telephone number is (571) 272-3830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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